

G. Equipment Coordination Certification

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the jurisdiction must sign a certificate confirming that the application was coordinated with the fire service, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response units, and law enforcement agencies, operating within the jurisdiction.

Application Kits

Application kits will be mailed to the Chief Executive Officers in each of the targeted jurisdictions. Interested eligible applicants are encouraged to contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-688-4252 to ensure that they receive an application kit for the State and Local Domestic Preparedness Equipment Support Program. An application kit containing the necessary forms will be mailed to eligible applicants upon request.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**National Institute of Corrections****Request for Cooperative Agreement Applications (RFAs)**

AGENCY: National Institute of Corrections, U.S. Department of Justice.

ACTION: Request for Cooperative Agreement Applications (RFAs).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Corrections (NIC) announces the availability of funds in FY '98 for a single cooperative agreement to fund various evaluation components of a "Drug-Free State Demonstration Project: A Program That Will Help to Reduce or Eliminate the Use of Illegal Drugs in Prisons." While up to ten awards will be made to States, the District of Columbia, and Territorial Departments of Corrections under this project, only one award will be made for the evaluation tasks.

Purpose: The National Institute of Corrections is seeking proposals for single cooperative agreement to evaluate the applications that States, the District of Columbia, and Territorial Departments of Corrections will be making to insure that each application that receives an award under the drug-free demonstration project includes an effective evaluation methodology, part of which will involve pre and post drug testing. The organization performing

this task will also evaluate the feasibility of establishing common data elements for as many of the state/territorial awardees as possible, and assist in communicating these elements to the Departments of Corrections. After the awards are made, this organization will oversee the evaluation efforts of each awardee, conduct one visit to meet with the evaluators at each site, and compile both an interim and final evaluation report of the entire project for the NIC.

Authority: Pub. L. 93-415.

Funds Availability/Funding Limits: Funding for the evaluation tasks in this project is estimated at approximately \$300,000. The award will be limited to a maximum of \$300,000 (direct and indirect costs). The evaluation component of this project will not exceed three years and six months in length.

Deadline for Receipt of Application: 4:00 pm Eastern time on August 31, 1998. At The National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, Washington, DC 20534. Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either: (1) Received on or before the deadline date; or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. Applicants must obtain a legible dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service in lieu of a postmark. Private metered postmarks will not be acceptable as a proof of timely mailing. Late applications will be returned to the sender.

Address and Further Information: Requests for the application kit, which also includes further details on the project's objectives, selection criteria, etc., should be directed to: Judy Evens, Control Office, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, Room 5007, Washington, DC 20534 or by calling 1-800-995-6423, ext. 159 or 202-307-3106, ext. 159. E-Mail: jevens@bop.gov.

All technical and programmatic information under this program announcement should be directed to: Allen Ault, Chief, Special Projects, National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street, NW, Washington, DC 20543 or by calling 1-800-995-6423, ext. 125 or 202-307-3106, ext. 125. E-Mail: aault@bop.gov.

Eligible Applicants: An eligible applicant is any organization with experience in the evaluation of criminal justice programs and policies. The organization must also have experience with drug testing.

Review of Consideration: Applications received under this announcement will be subject to a review process by the NIC.

Number of Awards: One (1).

NIC Application Number: 98K45. This number should appear as a reference line on your cover letter and also in box 11 of Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424). The cover letter should be addressed to Morris L. Thigpen, Director, NIC, 320 First Street, NW, Washington, DC 20543.

Other Information: Applicants are advised that narrative description of their program, not including the budget narrative and resumes of key staff, *should not* exceed 15 double spaced pages.

The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance number is: 16-602.

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Director, National Institute of Corrections.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**National Institute of Corrections****Request for Cooperative Agreement Applications (RFA)**

AGENCY: National Institute of Corrections, U.S. Department of Justice.

ACTION: Request for Cooperative Agreement Applications (RFAs).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), National Institute of Corrections (NIC) announces the availability of funds in FY' 98 for several cooperative agreements to fund a "Drug-Free State Demonstration Project: A Program That Will Help to Reduce or Eliminate the Use of Illegal Drugs in Prisons." Several awards will be made available to States, the District of Columbia, and Territorial Departments of Corrections.

Purpose: The National Institute of Corrections is seeking proposals for cooperative agreements to assist States, the District of Columbia, and Territorial Departments of Corrections interested in testing a variety of project strategies, with multiple targets and a combination of outcome measurement(s), whose goal will be to reduce or eliminate the use of illegal drugs in prisons. Proposed project sites will choose from a variety of components, including but not limited to new technologies for drug detection, drug treatment programs, drug testing, developing policies and sanctions, personnel training, telephone monitoring and intelligence systems. In their efforts to reduce illegal drugs in